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Former State Department International Attorney K. Russell LaMotte Joins Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.

Washington, D.C. – Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., the environmental, land use, and litigation law firm, is pleased to announce that K. Russell LaMotte has joined the Firm as Of Counsel in its Washington, D.C. office. LaMotte will be joining the firm's International Environmental Practice, advising clients on matters relating to global and regional regulatory regimes, including climate change, international chemicals management, oceans, biotechnology and other multilateral environmental and trade-related agreements.

“Russ’ familiarity with international regulatory regimes, and specifically the manner in which the United States negotiates and implements multilateral environmental agreements and initiatives, significantly broadens the expertise that we are able to offer our U.S. and multinational clients,” said Paul Hagen, chair of the Firm’s International Environmental Practice. “Beveridge & Diamond is now uniquely positioned to provide its clients with advice across the full spectrum of emerging and evolving multilateral environmental agreements.”

LaMotte previously worked for more than 10 years at the U.S. Department of State, most recently as Deputy Assistant Legal Adviser in the Office of the Legal Adviser. As an attorney in the Office of International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, he represented the U.S. government in designing, negotiating or implementing virtually all of the major environmental and oceans agreements and initiatives. On chemicals-related issues, for example, he participated in the negotiation and implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants; the evolution of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer; the initiation of the UNEP global mercury program; the implementation and evolution of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade; and the negotiation of the UNECE’s Pollutant Release and Transfer Registries agreement.

LaMotte also brings deep experience in oceans-related issues under the Law of the Sea Convention and other related agreements. For example, he handled deep seabed mining issues at the International Seabed Authority under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea; the negotiation of new marine pollution agreements at the International Maritime Organization; and the negotiation of the UNESCO Convention on Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage. He also served as a U.S. negotiator at several of the Kyoto Protocol implementation meetings,

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including those setting rules for the Protocol's market mechanisms, such as the Clean Development Mechanism and emissions trading.

In addition, LaMotte served in the Office of United Nations Affairs, where he handled issues relating to Iraq, the United Nations and other international organizations, and where he helped craft the U.S. submission to the International Court of Justice proceeding relating to the security barrier in the West Bank. He also appeared on behalf of the United States in a major arbitration proceeding at the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal involving the interpretation of the Algiers Accords.

LaMotte has received numerous U.S. Department of State Superior Honor Awards as well as the EPA gold and silver medals for his work as a negotiator of multilateral environmental agreements. He was a 2001 recipient of the Federal Bar Association's Younger Lawyer Award. He received his AB, *with Distinction in All Subjects*, from Cornell University in 1989, and his JD, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 1993, where he was a Ford Fellow in Public International Law.

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